

March 13, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of Vernon was held at 7:00 p.m. on the above date at the Town Office Building. Council members present were Randy Watson, Supervisor; Gene Bennati, Mick McDonough and Steve Adamkowski. John Peters was out of town. Also present: County Legislator Keith Shiebel, Village of Vernon Mayor Gerald Seymour and 3 citizens.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a moment of silence. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Watson asked the council members if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the February 13, 2017 meeting. There being none, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Rick Kinsella from the Oneida Public Library announced that the USDA has approved the revised bond resolution for the library, which states that under no circumstances would the Town be responsible for more than a maximum of about \$591 thousand with a reduction of about \$125 thousand for fees, resources and grants that are to be applied. That would leave about \$370 thousand for the City of Oneida School District taxpayers to be responsible for. Bennati said that he fears that they will need more money down the road and Kinsella responded that this is for the defined construction capitol development project only that went for referendum. Kinsella discussed the size and cost of the new library and said that they will be sending a draft bonding resolution by the end of the week.

#### REPORTS:

The following reports were presented: Town Clerk, Zoning Board of Appeals, Codes Enforcement, Supervisor's, Historian and Intergovernmental Relations: Adamkowski mentioned that the final draft of the newsletter should be done tomorrow and they should be mailed out in the next week to 10 days.

There were no reports from Planning Board, Assessors, Education and Libraries, Economic Development, Operations, SWOCO and Highway Superintendent.

County Legislator Schiebel presented a written report including a summary of the March 8, 2017 County Legislators' meeting that included: 1) shared sales tax to support municipalities, 2) supporting legislation at the State level that provides insurance for volunteer firefighters and 3) the State of the County Address including the development of a sports and entertainment project and gaming to downtown Utica, which Oneida Indian Nation is interested in.

A motion to accept the above reports was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Bennati, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS:

The Annual Report is completed and was submitted on March 1, 2017.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Time Warner franchise fee check was received for \$5545.82.

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter sales tax check was received for \$227,779.44, which is about an increase of \$20,000.

Thank you letter was received from Mercy Flight for the Town's contribution of \$1000.

Oneida County Civil Service found that the Town has a second part-time Codes Enforcement Officer non-competitive position since July 24, 1990, which was not correctly applied for, and we are only allowed one. A motion to apply for a second part-time Codes Enforcement Officer non-competitive position was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to retain Von Briesen and Roper, s.c. as a new attorney for the Land Into Trust petition to the Federal Supreme Court, which was discussed in last month's executive session, was made by McDonough, seconded by Adamkowski. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

A motion to hold a public hearing on April 10, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. for changes to sign regulations with the Codes Department was made by Bennati, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Received Single Audit Certification Form from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services showing that the Town federal funds for 2016 did not exceed \$750,000, therefore, it is not applicable.

A motion to approve request from the Oneida County Board of Elections to use the Town Office Building as a polling station with a one million liability insurance rider, which we already have, was made by Adamkowski, seconded by McDonough. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Penny Eaton from AFLAC was given permission to talk to the Town employees about insurance products before the meeting started.

McDonough discussed recent problems the Codes Office has had with irate people and requested that our Codes Officer Jody Thieme, who has a pistol permit, be able to carry his pistol in the office building for the safety of all the employees. There was a brief discussion and the Board will find out the legalities and the liability.

A motion to approve spending up to \$3500 for the Town Newsletter was made by McDonough, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

McDonough suggested having a meeting with the Town of Verona Board regarding the Oneida Public Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. was made by Adamkowski, seconded by Bennati. No discussion. Ayes 4. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Additions to minutes on file  
in Town Clerk's Office.

Julie A. McElroy  
Town Clerk

This meeting was digitally recorded and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None